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Aaron Paura displays one of his forge works, a knife, at Wrap It Up, the end-of semester exhibition at Haliburton School of Art and Design this past Saturday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

# Eagle Lake man dies after falling through ice

#### By Joseph Quigley

The Eagle Lake community is grappling with a tragic death after a man fell through the ice at Bushwolf Lake Dec. 14.

Larry Bagg, 57, was on the lake in a truck ploughing a track when the ice broke beneath him. Haliburton Highlands OPP and firefighters responded to the scene.

Although the Algonquin Highlands Fire Department ice rescue, with assistance from Dysart et al's department, recovered Bagg, he was pronounced dead after being taken to hospital.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts acknowledged the incident during a Dec. 16 council meeting.

"It's a real tragedy and it makes me very sad," Roberts said. "Keep your loved one's close and we really appreciate the efforts of our volunteer firefighters who had to go to another tragedy.'

Condolences have poured in across social media as people react to the incident. A post-mortem has been ordered by the

Dysart et la fire chief Mike Iles said it was an unfortunate circumstance but

the response went well. The two fire departments arrived at the staging area at the same time and although Dysart's is shore-based, the two worked together to retrieve Bagg.

"Water rescue requires an immense number of people," Iles said. "We just worked together as a team."

Both OPP and firefighters are emphasizing people should use caution and keep safe on

"No ice is ever 100 per cent safe," police said in a press release. "Be very cautious when going out on the ice."

Algonquin Highlands firefighters suffered minor injuries after getting in an incident when returning from the Dec. 14 call.

The fire department reported its rescue truck was involved in a collision Dec. 14 but that all four in the vehicle were released from the hospital.

"Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Please respect our firefighters' privacy as they recover," the department said on Twitter. "Thank you to the doctors and nurses in Haliburton and Peterborough hospitals for treating and looking after our firefighters."





# Highlander news



Abby Campbell

## Roads drive early Dysart budget talks

#### First draft includes 4 per cent municipal tax rate increase

#### By Joseph Quigley

Roads spending proved contentious at a Dysart et al budget meeting Dec. 13 with disagreement on how much should be spent

Council worked through a first draft of the budget, which features an estimated municipal tax rate increase of four per cent. They considered three options for the road budget this year, focusing on a mid-range staff proposal to spend \$1.134 million.

Coun. John Smith pushed for more funding, citing a Decision Optimization Technology (DoT) software report presented to the infrastructure committee. The report found if the municipality maintained a \$1.25 million road budget, the number of roads rated as "poor" in the municipality would more than double from 18.5 per cent in 2019 to 46.6 per cent in 2021.

"Completely off the charts to think nearly half our roads will be categorized as in poor condition," Smith said, before asking for a road spending figure which would keep poor-rated roads at current levels. He also suggested borrowing money could be necessary.

The municipality invested in DoT software this year, surveying all its roads to help guide decisions.

However, staff pushed back on the DoT

report and said council needed to agree on parameters to make the software more accurate. Staff also seeks to complete a new asset management plan in 2020 to decide where to target before spending more roads money.

"We need to kind of backtrack and have council decide what they want the roads to look like, establish the rules of engagement," municipal treasurer Barbara Swannell said.

The \$1.134 million proposal includes carryover from 2019 and \$541,049 in resurfacing on spots like Trappers Trail Road and Park Street. It also features \$255,359 to start implementation on the asset management plan in 2020.

Other staff proposals included one for \$945,230 removing additional slurry seal projects in 2020 and the \$255,359 allotment.

The most costly plan would be \$1.74 million and add over \$600,000 in extra road construction, including treatment on Bitter Lake Road (\$328,500), Dignan Road (\$226,150) and crack sealing in downtown Haliburton.

#### Repaying roads pricey

Municipal staff estimated turning previously pulverized roads back into hard-surface



Dysart et al Coun. John Smith pushed for more roads spending during a Dec. 13 budget meeting. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

would cost \$1.26 million.

The estimate was not in the draft budget and includes 28 roads, stretching across 36.9 kilometres. The roads were turned from hard-top to gravel by municipal staff to reduce maintenance and labour resources.

Council did not make any decisions to move ahead with reverting the roads. But staff confirmed this year's budget does not include any further roads going from hard surface to gravel.

"That's a first step," Smith said.

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#### Stuck on potholes

Coun. Walt McKechnie asked about the possibilities of better solutions to fix potholes.

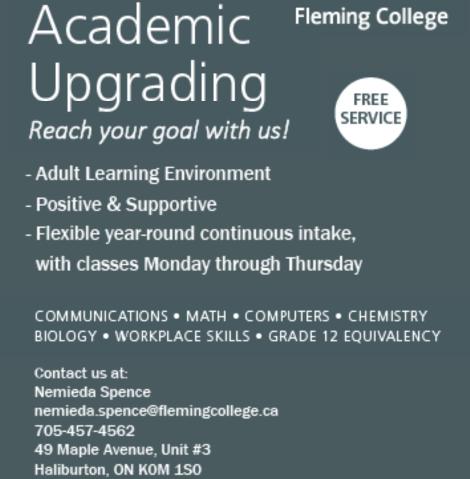
"We're not the only one having this problem and to me, it's a very big problem," McKechnie said.

Director of public works Rob Camelon said there are no perfect patch systems and it comes down to the way roads are built.

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"You have a poor base, you're going to have potholes no matter what you put down," he said.





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The public was offered a sneak peek at the arena on Nov. 26. File.

# Minden Hills council borrowing more for arena

#### By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills taxpayers have received a cost increase for the arena project just in time for Christmas.

During a Dec. 12 meeting, councillors approved an added \$250,000 contingency fund, money to be borrowed.

A further decision on so-called valueadded items, that could cost more than \$305,000, has been deferred.

They further authorized using money from the capital and arena reserves to offset funding not covered by lenders Infrastructure Ontario, totaling about \$225,000.

There was one spot of good news, though. The project has been awarded a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to pay for equipment.

Director of community services Mark Coleman told council McDonald Brothers Construction (MBC) had been making excellent progress on the previously approved \$12,274,570 arena and community centre rebuild. He added that about 90 per cent of the tendering had been done with about six months to go. He said they were now able to forecast expenditures to the end of the project.

It appears the cost has now gone to \$13.375 million.

Coleman, and MBC president Paul McDonald told council it wasn't the outcome they had hoped for, however, contactors and sub-contractors - many of whom had to come from out-of-town - cost them more than they had anticipated.

They noted they were asking for contingency money which would only be used if necessary. Coleman said it would give the project "breathing room" so they "would not hit a wall at some point." Coleman added that MBC didn't want to have to come to council again.

Coleman said council did not have to approve the money and could scale back the project. He noted there was still a public fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$750,000 and the possibility of other grants.

Mayor Brent Devolin said in addition to labour costs, they were dealing with 80 per cent new building and 20 per cent old building and the legacy building threw up unforeseen challenges.

Coleman and McDonald also said that hoped for savings under the IPD (Integrated Project Delivery) model did not come about.

Devolin argued for the spend, saying it amounted to a two per cent variance on the total project cost.

Coun. Bob Carter had a number of questions, saying he wanted to "make sure we're being respectful of the public's purse." He added it would have to be evaluated as to whether or not the IPD process "is fair for us; worthy of us to repeat."

He also argued for the deferral of the \$305,000 in value-added costs, saying council had already approved a list in the summer and was now being presented with something else. He called the process "extremely confusing." An example of a value-added item is basketball back-stops.

With talk of stainless steel fixtures being dropped to save money, Carter said he felt like the IPD team was asking for money or hinting "you're going with rusted tin versus stainless steel."

He added that he was concerned about approving further expenditures when they're only half way through the project. But Devolin said while they were half way timewise, they were more than 90 per cent spending wise.

Coun. Ron Nesbitt said he had lost sleep when he read the report. "I'm thinking of the people who put me in here ... it's important it comes off okay," he said of the project.

Coun. Pam Sayne said she was worried about scaling back. "Downsizing what this community expected of us? That doesn't sit well."

But McDonald said they had in fact upgraded many aspects of the building and that there would be no substitutions to downgrade the property.



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#### Danielsen acclaimed to second term

County Warden Liz Danielsen addresses County councillors, staff and members of the public during a special meeting of County Council Dec. 17 in Minden. She was acclaimed as warden for the second year in a row. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.

# Multimillion dollar condominium proposed at Centre Lake

#### By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East council agreed to help push forward a proposed condominium development at Centre Lake on Crown lands by advocating for its economic benefits.

Council passed a resolution Dec. 10 which could enable the project, called the Granite Shores Condominium Development, to make progress. The seasonal tourist development is proposed to include more than 40 cottage lots.

The motion indicates Highlands
East sees economic benefits if the
200 ft. Crown reserve around the
lake's shoreline is transferred to
neighbouring landowners. Planner
Chris Jones said this is one of the
requirements for the development and
opening up the shoreline could give
the area a boost.

"That shoreline development has clearly, historically been a significant resource of our local and regional economy," Jones said, adding the proposal falls in-line with the shoreline municipal acknowledgement of land use designation. municipal acknowledgement of economic benefit, an environment

Jones reported the reserve dates back to the mining era and was done to preserve the lake from mining exploration activities

IBI Group associate director John Ariens presented on behalf of the private landowner. He said any development around the lake, whether theirs or others, is held up by the reserve.

"Centre Lake is waiting in the dugout for their chance up to bat and the Ministry of Natural Resources has been keeping the gate closed," Ariens said.

The firm estimates between \$25 million and \$32 million in local expenditures if the development goes ahead, mostly derived from construction costs.

Ariens added after communications with upper levels of government, there is some receptiveness to remove the designation. Requirements include

municipal acknowledgement of economic benefit, an environmental assessment and partnership with the Indigenous communities, which Ariens said they are working to fulfill.

The developer presented two possibilities for Granite Shores, one which is just seasonal cottages with 46 lots and one with a commercial resort and 41 cottage lots. But Ariens assured council their resolution does not mean they have to approve the proposal.

"I appreciate the plan before you is a little bit aggressive. We have a large amount of lots," Ariens said. "We'll go through it and we'll adjust as necessary."

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said she was okay approving the resolution given the developer would have to work with the County's Shoreline Preservation bylaw, which sets requirements to keep shorelines healthy.

"I want you to hit a home run with this," Mayor Dave Burton told Ariens.













Left: IBI Group associate director John Ariens presents to Highlands East council Dec. 10. Right: Municipal Planner Chris Jones. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*.

# Editorial opinion

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### Arena project causing discomfort

I walked away from last Thursday's Minden Hills council meeting unsure of exactly how much more money taxpayers are going to have to spend to complete the multimillion-dollar S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and community centre project.

It was apparent to me that I wasn't the only one confused either. Some councillors were also puzzled about what had been placed in front of them.

Sure, it's a complicated process, made more complex by the Integrated Project Delivery or IPD nature of the project - pitched as being the best thing since sliced bread, but now we're told it didn't deliver the savings the project's cheerleaders had sold it on.

The idea was that builder, McDonald Brothers Construction, Parkin Architects and the township would collaborate to optimize results, including reducing waste and maximizing efficiencies through the design fabrication and construction stage. Presumably it would also save money.

We found out Dec. 12 that they'd spent the entire contingency of \$220,000. They came asking for an added \$250,000 contingency. There was also talk of more than \$300,000 in value added items. The

I walked away from last Thursday's Minden lenders, Infrastructure Ontario, are not Hills council meeting unsure of exactly covering all of the costs.

We were told there were challenges with the old part of the building. We were told they couldn't find local workers so that bumped up costs.

Then we were told about other changes to the project that some of us had never heard about before - so called upgrades according to MBC.

My eyebrows went up. Why upgrade something, presumably at a greater cost, when the project is not finished? Wouldn't one complete a project, spend the budget, then go to town with any savings?

I've always had concerns with Minden's ice palace project. I never liked that the township went it alone, and didn't at least talk to Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands or Highlands East about a bigger project, perhaps incorporating a swimming pool.

With Dysart et al getting a recent land donation on County Road 21 between Minden and Haliburton for a future recreational centre it irks me even more since a collaboration might have delivered so much more for so many more people.

I've never liked how the proponents of the arena have largely dismissed the concerns

of detractors. I don't like that despite monthly updates, we are learning about new features of this project every day. I don't like the sometimes convoluted financial reporting. I certainly



By Lisa Gervais

don't like that the budget appears to have been blown and more money is being sought. I know, it's a contingency, and may not have to be spent, but the way the project has gone to date, I suspect it will be.

I also didn't like the tone that if the money wasn't handed over by council, it might mean some promised features may have to disappear.

On top of this, Director of Community Services Mark Coleman leaves the township for another job in early January and it appears the fundraising group that is hoping to raise \$750,000 for the project is in disarray.

Perhaps when the ribbon is cut in six months' time, the facility will blow all of our socks off and my criticisms will be for naught. I can only hope so.

#### **LETTERS**

#### Cyber seniors

Dear editor,

Thanks to the students of Mr. Dulong's Computer Application class at Haliburton high school.

The class of Grade 9 and 10 students hosted 22 local seniors who had questions about their personal phones, tablets or computers. Questions such as, "how do I send a message to my friend from my phone?" or "can I get my phone numbers from my computer on to my phone?"

The purpose of the class, called Cyber Seniors, was to get seniors better acquainted with current communication devices. The tech giants are the young people who use these phones and computers as part of their daily life. The seniors learned about technology and the students learned how to communicate with people who may not hear as fast or see as clear as they do!

CARP, Chapter 54 is really pleased with the success of the program and sends thanks to the high school, Mr. Dulong, the seniors who participated and in particular the students who helped us better understand today's communication environment.

Jon Dannewald CARP Cyber Seniors Coordinator

#### Planning is the key

Dear editor,

Re. your editorial, Dec. 12, 2019 It might have been an idea to ask about this comment. Changing the process to electing the deputy mayor at large takes quite a length of time to do and opening the discussion was only for consideration and some concurrence among council.

The decision about governance could very well be made in 2020 leaving sufficient time to make a change at the lower level should both tiers remain in place.

Planning in advance is the key.

Liz Danielsen Deputy Mayor of Algonquin Highlands

# Climate change and political hypocrisy

Dear editor,

A lot of energy (pardon the pun) is going into fear mongering about the world's climate and the fact that we (Canadians) are not doing enough to stop/prevent climate change. Yes, the earth's climate is changing. It has been changing for hundreds of millions of years, before humans appeared. Science tells us that.

One thousand years ago, the Vikings (remember learning about Erik the Red in school) were living and farming – yes, farming – in Labrador and Greenland. How is that possible, you ask? Well, the earth was warmer back then, until about 1400 AD when the "Little Ice Age" cooled things down. History tells us that.

Today, Canada ranks 11th among the top emitters of CO<sub>2</sub>, largely because of our geography. We are a vast land with cold winters, very warm summers and great distances to travel. That said, we

only contribute 1.6 per cent of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. China alone contributes 30 per cent, one country. India contributes another seven per cent.

Canada has the second largest forested land mass on the planet, almost five million square kilometers. Trees absorb  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ . When measured against the top emitters of  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ , based on  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions per square kilometer of forested land mass, the most relevant ratio to use, Canada ranks 19th out of 20. We are net absorbers of  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ .

Humans cannot control the global climate changes, but what we can do is continue working hard to reduce pollution. Air, land and water pollution. Canada has come a very long way in this regard, as have many western countries through recycling programs, industrial exhaust scrubbing and catalytic converters in vehicles, to name but a few.

However, the real global polluters are in Asia, where coal – often Canadian coal from British Columbia by the way – is burned to generate much of their electricity. As for water pollution, look no further than Asia, where nine of the 10 most polluted rivers in the world are in India. Canada's water pollution focus should be on places like Montreal and Victoria, where raw sewage is still dumped into the St. Lawrence River and Pacific Ocean respectively, as well as those rural communities with polluted drinking water sources.

Only by growing (not shutting down) our rich resource-based economy can we, Canadians, continue to fund development of the leading-edge technologies necessary to help those largest polluters make rapid

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# Editorial opinion

#### **Eye on the street:** What are you looking forward to at Christmas?



Olivia Gruppe

Haliburton

Christmas Eve, waking up on Christmas morning and running downstairs, and seeing my family.



Taya Tomlinson

Carnarvon

Spending time with my family and hopefully spending time with some friends.



Cooper Lawrence

Dwight

Spending time with my family and waking up to see what I got and baking and cookies.



Jase Arbuckle

Huntsville

Beyblades [a toy] and unicorns.



**Blake Arbuckle** 

Huntsville

Going to my cousin's house.

#### **LETTERS** cont'd

reductions to their pollution and  $CO_2$  emissions.

That will make a much larger difference than imposing ever-increasing and ineffective carbon taxes until our economy eventually shuts down. Common sense tells us that.

Dave Love Haliburton Lake cottager

#### Hats off to Don Cherry

Following Lisa Gervais' editorial regarding Don Cherry, I take note that we have the choice of showing thumbs up to the leftist opinion.

Seems to me we are being deprived of stating our opinions these days. I would not be long in showing my disapproval for her report.

Don Cherry is a hockey icon who has always supported our troops and regularly showing military personnel who had been killed overseas, support for the poppy etc. I can think of nobody else on TV who has been able to compete with Don Cherry's sense of patriotism.

I don't like the direction we are heading in this country where we only have one choice of accepting an editor's or reporter's personal opinion. What has happened to our freedoms of speech and expression?

Hats off to Don Cherry.

Keith Oitment Apsley

### Bus drivers, police make more than teachers

Dear editor,

A bus driver in Vancouver earns \$68,000, and in Ottawa \$74,000 with full benefits and pension plan, after two years employment, with a very basic educational requirement.

A teacher on Trillium Lakelands District School Board's pay grid earns \$44,662 to start, and after 10 years can earn a maximum of \$73,000.

More is earned by taking intensive professional development courses after the mandatory four or five years post-secondary education. The highest figure on the pay grid in 2019 is \$100,034, which requires 11 years teaching experience, and all the required courses. In 2011, this figure was \$92,810, the annual increase therefore has been at one per cent for the last nine years.

A teacher is required to work overtime hours every week on lesson plans, meetings, extracurricular activities, duty lunches, coaching and summer school. If a bus driver in Ottawa worked five hours overtime weekly, he would expect to make over \$100,000, as did 85 last year according to pay records. Otherwise, he can expect to retire full pension at age 52.

An OPP officer that starts at \$68,000 goes to \$98,000 after three-and-a-half years. Grade 12 or equivalent is required. Moving expenses are paid, a generous pension - vacation - benefit package is included, and 130 sick days a year are allowed. Any officer working one extra shift per month would make around \$103,000. Last year a contract for a two per cent increase each year for the next three years was signed.

All of the above information can be found in less than one hour on the employers' own public websites. I became tired of seeing random and misleading salary comparisons from angry news people, so I looked it up.

Unless a teacher marries an OPP officer right out of high school, a comparison of a teacher's debt after five years post-secondary education to the earnings of a bus driver or police officer reveals a starting deficit of over \$500,000. The interest from an investment of this size would provide an additional lifetime income of perhaps \$20,000 annually.

Bradley Sales Haliburton

#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



"The Ree Cycler," a sculpture made of repurposed metal by Leo Sepa installed outside the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. *Photo by Ian Darragh*.

By Lisa Gervais

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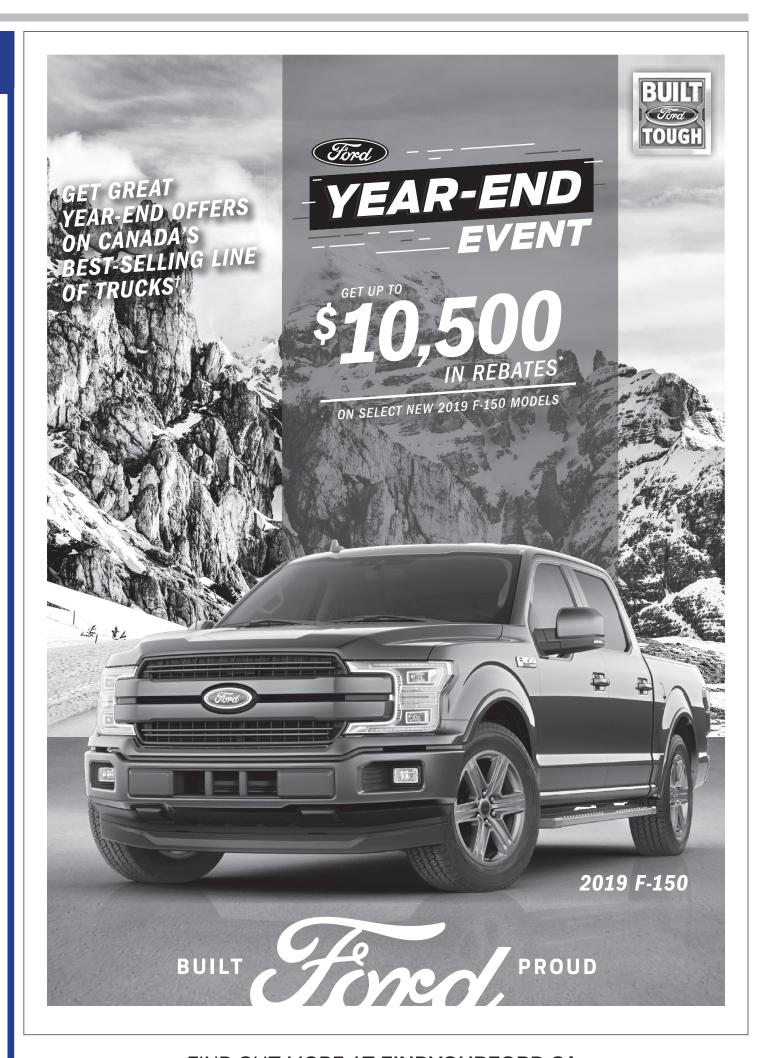
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# Firefighters push back on state of halls

#### By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East firefighters are pushing back against reports their halls are in poor condition.

The Highland Grove fire department held a community meeting Dec. 7. More than 20 people attended to discuss recent consultant reports, including an organizational review that recommended closing fire halls and facility conditions assessments on the halls.

Highland Grove fire captain Tom Burroughs said he would not deny repairs are needed at his station. But he added a facility assessment – which suggests there are \$567,500 in repairs in 2019/20 – is exaggerated.

"Their numbers are way, way too high," Burroughs said. "It's functional, it's servicing the community. As life safety goes, that's what's mainly important to us." The facility assessments from consultant WalterFedy examined all municipal buildings. They highlighted Highland Grove as one of the poorest condition buildings in the municipality and recommended consideration to decommission it.

"It is clear that the building is no longer able to meet its intended function, and that a larger space is needed," WalterFedy said in a summary report.

Recommended repairs included replacing doors, windows and roofing. It also said the hall is too small, with two bay doors for three vehicles.

The report also said the station has no floor drain and recommended \$50,000 to install one. But Burroughs stated there is a floor drain there.

"It cost this township to have someone tell us this drain doesn't exist," captain Gary Burroughs said. "If we end up losing a fire hall because of all the talk about this, that's what our concern is."

Highlands East chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter said on behalf of WalterFedy that it is possible the drain was



Highland Grove fire captain Tom Burroughs presents at a community meeting Dec. 7. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

under a truck and could not be seen. But she added the current drain would need an inspection for issues.

"Further review would be required to see the effectiveness of the current drain," Hunter said.

Tom Burroughs discussed Highlands East's history of exploring fire services. The municipal fire committee is reviewing five different options, including the status quo, reducing from five halls to three, shifting equipment and building a new, central hall.

Highland Grove firefighters were not the only ones to take issue with the report. WalterFedy assessed the Highway 28 fire station is in bad shape and needs \$150,720

in repairs. But the recommendations drew criticism, such as \$12,000 for kitchen refurbishment.

"The numbers that are posted are to replace things that are wanted. The things that are needed are very minor," station captain Adam Szelei said. "It's a fraction of what they're asking."

Firefighters also critiqued the maintenance the municipality has done at the halls over the years.

"Building's don't go bad overnight," Burroughs said. "They haven't been doing their job up till now."

Chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter said for recent maintenance at

Highland Grove's hall, the municipality spent \$18,080 for thermal wall barriers in 2018 and \$3,107 for lights in 2019.

Burroughs asked the community to act as a watchdog going forward.

The WalterFedy report suggests a new hall at Highland Grove would cost between \$1 and \$1.3 million. But firefighter Stephane Stern told the meeting such an expense is not necessary.

"None of us care if we're in a tin shed," Stern said. "As long as we put the key in the ignition and it rolls out and we can get to you in a hurry, that's all we care about."

### AH making headway on septic system inspections

#### By Joseph Quigley

The Algonquin Highlands Septic Re-inspection Program found 31 per cent of properties inspected this year needed remedial action.

Thornhill-based firm WSP presented to council Dec. 12 about inspections in the Halls Lake and Kushog Lake area. The company evaluated 1,443 parcels as part of the initiative to ensure septic systems are functioning properly and not causing environmental harm.

A total of 97.9 per cent of systems requiring inspection were completed in 2019, according to WSP. Of the 1,264 systems inspected, about 396 of them, or 31 per cent, had visible Ontario Building Code violations. These ranged from solids exceeding 33 per cent of tank volume, missing lids, dense vegetation, or no

haulage agreement in the case of holding tank systems.

"It's not a popular program," Mayor Carol Moffatt said. "But the results speak to the reason why you do it. It's good information. The health of the lakes, as we said, is our entire lifestyle, economy."

There were less tanks with issues this year compared to last, when 39 per cent of systems examined needed fixes.

"A part of that, we believe, is due to public education and public awareness of the program," environmental consultant Paisley McDowell said.

She later added the program helps owners learn best maintenance practices to have their tanks last for the estimated 30-year life cycle, or even longer.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen asked about ensuring those people, especially from 2018, get more strongly worded messages.

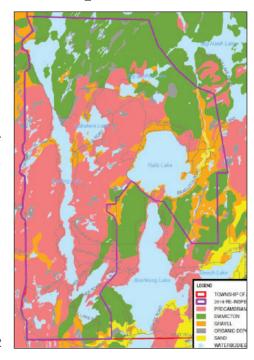
Chief administrative officer Angie Bird said that would happen, followed by an order to comply if necessary.

"We have the tools in our toolbox to make sure it doesn't carry on too long," Moffatt said.

The inspection also took water quality samples in the area, to judge how much faulty septic systems may be impacting lake health. Of 79 samples collected this year, three exceeded the Provincial Water Quality Objective, which WSP said represents phosphorus and algae bloom risk.

"People are getting used to the program. I've talked to people, myself as well, who have found it very informative," Moffatt said. "We're doing the right things."

The 2020 inspection zone includes Big Hawk and Little Hawk Lake, Raven Lake and Oxtongue Lake. WSP will contact property owners in those areas next spring.





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# Highlander news





Fees are going up for mattresses and corrugated cardboard, and shrink wrap will no longer be acceptedat landfills. File photo.

#### Minden Hills news

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#### Minden eues six per cent levy hike Irondale landfill

Councillors have told staff to aim for a 2020 tax levy increase of approximately six per cent when budget talks resume in the new year.

During a Dec. 12 council meeting, all of the townships departments came in with their first drafts. Some were very high, such as building, bylaw and planning at a 70.55 per cent hike to accommodate staffing around coming septic re-inspection and short-term rental accommodation programs. Public works was sitting on a 46 per cent increase. Other departments, such as economic development and cultural centre, the clerks, community services and fire were around 20 per cent. Only the treasurer's department projected a tiny savings.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the township traditionally starts with "a pretty big number" but it's never where they end up. However, he said the first draft budget projections show the township its short and long-term challenges.

Last year's increase was 6.4 per cent, excluding county and school board.

### Council to close

In a report to council, public works director Travis Wilson said the Irondale landfill has the fewest users in the township. He said the maximum traffic through the site in a single week was 123 vehicles, compared to 169-3,969 at other sites.

He said closure would force users to drive to another site. For some residents in the Irondale area, it could mean up to 15-25 minutes. Wilson said that's comparable to people living in the Blairhampton, Soyers Lake and Brady Lake areas as well as neighbouring Trent Lakes.

Wilson said a period of public outreach should be conducted to notify site users that the site will be closing and to provide alternatives. He said the ministry should be notified and site closure work commence as soon as possible.

It's anticipated that the process to fully close the landfill to the public will take nine months, with permanent closure occurring in late September,

#### New fees to be implemented

Council adopted some new fees and charges at its Dec. 12 meeting.

They include a new fireworks permit charge of \$50. Fire chief Mike Bekking said the fee was for qualified companies using fireworks for display purposes. The roads department is adding a re-inspection fee for entrances of \$125.

Under community services programs and facilities, they are adding a special rental of park by vendor fee of \$500. There will be an increase in fees for mattresses at Scotchline, to \$30 per unit, to recover costs.

There's a new volumetric fee for corrugated cardboard of \$10.20 per cubic metre for between .3 and 2.3 metres. Shrink wrap for boats is no longer accepted and it will now cost \$50 per cubic yard to dump shingles.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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# Highlander news

## Health unit highlights housing crisis in County

#### By Lisa Gervais

High housing costs and a limited supply of rental units are proving a double whammy in ensuring County residents have access to a stable, secure place to call home, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit said.

The health unit is urging action about the lack of safe and affordable housing in the area, especially given its link to public health.

"Local residents are being asked to lobby all levels of government to build more affordable housing units. People are also encouraged to be open and welcoming to affordable housing developments and rental units being renovated or built in their neighbourhoods," the health unit said in a recent press release.

In addition to National Housing Day, the call comes in the wake of statistics released by the health until last Tuesday.

They said the average local house cost is approximately \$247,950 for a non-waterfront property, according to local realtors. They say this puts home ownership out of reach for many people.

Rent for a three-bedroom apartment is around \$1,450 per month in Haliburton County – if you can find it. With a very low vacancy rate, there are not enough rental units to meet local demand according

to a 2019 Housing and Homelessness Assessment Report for Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

"Stable housing plays a key role in a person's health, according to the Ontario Medical Association. A safe, secure place to live can help people gain employment, enjoy food security, and access social services and health care. Stable housing can also help people who are recovering from mental illness and addiction," the health unit said.

It added, "These findings are worrisome because they highlight the lack of affordable housing in Haliburton County – both to buy and rent – and the toll it can take on people's health," says Mary Lou Mills, a public health nurse.

She said older adults are at higher risk of living in poor quality housing, as they are often on fixed incomes and have complex health needs.

"A stable living environment is so important for our health, because without it, we fall into a vicious cycle of problems," Mills said. "If people do not have adequate housing, they are less likely to be able to find work and earn money. Without enough income, people cannot afford food and other necessities of life which are essential for personal wellbeing."

The health unit estimates 17.2 per cent



Tina Jackson helped convene a housing forum in Minden Hills in 2018. File.

of County residents live in poverty (the poverty rate for children 17 years of age and younger is higher at 22.9 per cent). Often, social assistance, disability program, seniors' fixed pensions, and low-paying jobs do not provide enough to meet the basic needs of housing and food, Mills said.

She said that to meet the basic needs for a family of two adults and two children, both parents must work full time and make a living wage of at least \$19.42 per hour in the County. This living wage rate is based on calculations made by the health unit in 2018.

#### Land Trust to develop and test new wetland mapping

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will use a \$71,100 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to develop and test a new, more effective way of mapping wetlands in the area.

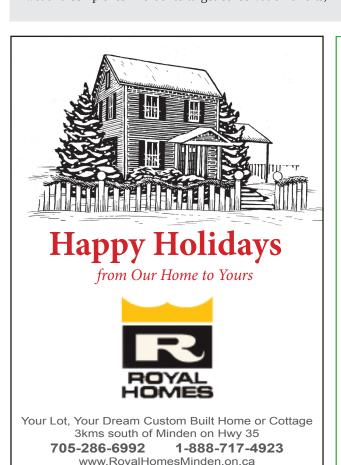
The Land Trust is interested in identifying valuable wetland complexes in order to target conservation efforts,

they said in a recent media release.

"Wetlands provide critical ecoservices consisting of maintaining water quality, recharging groundwater reserves, providing wildlife habitat and mitigating the effects of climate change through flood attenuation and carbon sequestration," the release said.

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It added that the effects of climate change recently impacted the County with severe flooding in 2013, 2017 and 2019. Accurate wetland mapping is essential for landscape analysis and conservation planning. HHLT will be developing and testing a new wetland mapping technique, they said. (*Lisa Gervais*)



# A community following Jesus CHRISTMAS SERVICES Sunday December 22, 2019 Christmas Lessons and Carols St. George's, Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. St. Margaret's, Wilberforce, 11:30 a.m. Monday December 23, 2019 Quiet Christmas Service St. George's, Haliburton, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve Services St. George's - Lessons and Carols, 4:00 p.m. St. George's - Carol Singing, 9:45 p.m. - Service begins at 10:00 p.m. St. Margaret's - Wilberforce, 7:00 p.m.

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International participants are also welcome to apply and, if accepted, are charged a fee for participation. The cost to HOS is approximately \$9000 per participant and fundraising is an ongoing and primary focus.

In the words of General and Artistic Directors, Valerie Kuinka and Richard Margison:

"We have been embraced by the community of the Haliburton Highlands, and are so grateful to so many individuals and organizations who have helped us along the way. Our volunteers are the backbone of our existence in the region, and, although we always have room for more people, we are thankful for those that give so much of their time and energy.

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# Highlander people



CanoeFM podcast producer Robert Muir is helping the station launch a new slate of podcasts. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.

#### CanoeFM launching podcasts

#### By Joseph Quigley

CanoeFM has entered the world of podcasting.

The community radio station has received a \$33,428 grant from the Community Radio Fund of Canada to start "Spread the Word." The initiative will create original community podcasts under the CanoeFM umbrella.

The station has hired Robert Muir to a one-year contract as podcast producer. He said although radio is still a strong way to get information out, there are people instead relying on the internet.

"For a lot of other people, the internet now has become the new way to hear things and learn things," Muir said. "Providing our community an option that helps us keep up with the trends in the world and keep being able to provide content to people in all the meaningful ways."

Muir said plenty of people have come forward with ideas but the station has not yet decided what the podcasts will be. He added they are considering podcasts based on radio shows like Planet Haliburton and Medical Matters. More original content is also a possibility, such as shows based on local business, parenting and storytelling.

"We're trying to take advantage of the talents in the area," Muir said. "Subcultures, groups that already exist."

Local musical talent will also be featured for theme songs, Muir said due to the licencing differences between podcasts and radio, licenced music is not likely to be featured.

That also means music-based shows, or talk shows featuring licenced music, cannot necessarily be put on podcasts.

"The issue of cost and the issue of copyright make it difficult to just take the old pre-recorded radio shows and just upload them as podcasts," Muir said. "Right now, we're looking at recording original content."

The station aims to produce four of five podcasts, approximately a half-hour or an hour in length, Muir said. But he added he also wants to provide and help people produce podcasts beyond that, both now and after his contract ends.

"No matter what happens, I want to provide a way for people to have a podcast," Muir said. "Even though budget is a concern and Canoe can only produce so many, I also want to have resources available so if you have an idea for a podcast, you can do something."

Station manager Roxanne Casey said CanoeFM has explored podcasting for years. She said volunteers should be able to continue podcasting after Muir's contract expires, but there is uncertainty about it in the long-term.

"There's lots of possibilities with podcasting and bottom line is, we're not really sure," Casey said. "We're just trying to dip our toe into the water. See how well we do."

Those interested in podcasting or creating original music for CanoeFM podcasts can contact Muir at podcast@canoefm.com.



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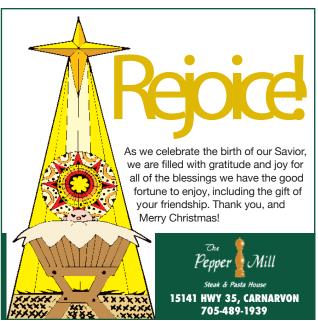
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"We are so excited for the opportunity to share 3D Giving Day with makers from around the globe," said Noelia Marziali, Community of Making Animator at the library (Joseph Quigley).

Top: Noelia Marziali helps Lucas Lawson with a 3D printed house.Bottom: Luna Schuhr works on a festive ornament. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.* 



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# Highlander outdoors

### Birders flock to Haliburton to see rare specimen

#### By Joseph Quigley

More than 100 birders have flocked to Bark Lake over the past week to catch a glimpse of a rare visitor from British Columbia.

Enthusiasts from far and wide are travelling to the Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre to see the Varied Thrush, a yellow bird native to the pacific coast. But the species has rarely been known to migrate farther east.

Program manager Joe Fortin said staff discovered the bird at the centre Dec. 10 before announcing their doors would be open to the public for sightings Dec. 12. People have visited every day since, coming from as far as Montreal.

"They are having a blast," Fortin said. "This is amazing. This is a community. These folks who are passionate about wildlife who want to share and have an opportunity to experience."

Felix Eckley made the trip with his father from Toronto. The birder said they got up early and stopped by multiple times to get their sighting.

"Since we live in Toronto, it was really far for us to regularly go (to British Columbia)," Eckley said. "We saw how great a bird it was. Beautiful bird and actually to be able to go and see it was amazing."

The thrush has also been subjected to a barrage of cameras as visitors have tried to capture the rare specimen. Ishrani, who requested her last name be withheld, is a photographer who came from Scarborough to see it.

"I've never experienced this bird, so it's a new experience," she said. "Life is about creating new experiences."

Fortin said field naturalists suspect the bird is male and over a year old based on its plumage. It is not skittish and has challenged others for feeder food.

"This guy here will chase the blue jays around and sort of hunker down, run at them," Fortin said. "It's fun to watch."

It uncertain how long it will stick around Bark Lake but Fortin said he hopes it could remain there for the whole winter.

"Selfishly, I want to know he's okay. This guy came all the way here to Haliburton, all the way here to the highlands," Fortin said. "I want him to have a good time."

But ultimately, Fortin said the visitor will make the best decisions for itself.

"It's been an amazing opportunity," Fortin said. "It's always incredible the critters you can find up in Haliburton."



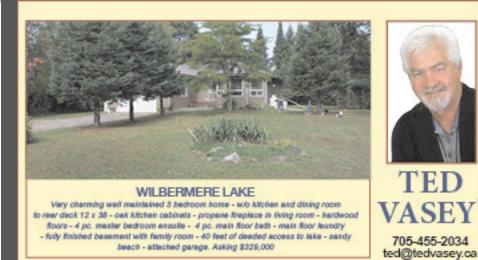


Left: Felix Eckley and Rick Eckley came all the way from Toronto to see the Varied Thrush visiting Bark Lake. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*. Top: A Varied Thrush has made a winter home at Bark Lake, attracting dozens of birders to catch a glimpse of the rare visitor. *Photo submitted by Joe Fortin*.











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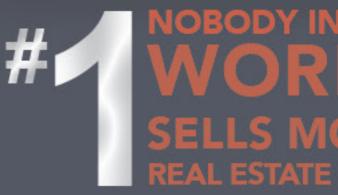


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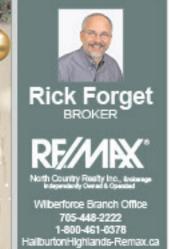


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#### **Bears maul** Storm in hard fought Atom tilt

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Haliburton Timbermart/Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms played the South Muskoka Bears.

The Bears jumped to a 1-0 lead half way through the first. At the end of period two, the Storm trailed 2-0.

Throughout the game there were good battles for the puck, end to end plays and strong goaltending by both teams.

Halfway through the third, the Storm tied the game 2-2. The Bears fought back, getting two quick goals to make the score 4-2 with five minutes left in the game.

The rep atoms fought hard to keep the puck in the Bears end to allow them to pull the goalie. Muskoka got an empty net goal with 45 seconds remaining, winning 5-2.

Honourable mentions go to: Evan Perrott for his hard work that helped create some scoring opportunities; Matthew Scheffee for his good offensive plays; Jacob Mantle for his solid defence and puck clearing; Eric Mueller for reading the play and covering positions when other players stepped up to rush the puck and goaltender Carter Braun for his excellent crease movement and puck tracking. (Submitted)



Goalie Carter Braun scrambles for the puck after losing his stick versus the Bears Dec. 14. Photo by Lisa Gervais

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Vanek's knowledge of the game and ability to create scoring chances continue to be a big asset. Vanek had several shots on goal, one finding its way into the net. He rushed the puck end to end numerous times and hustled back to his defensive position each time.



#### **#2 BRODY HARTWIG**

Brody's persistent hard work was evident. He was hard on the puck and created numerous offensive plays to keep the puck in the opponents' end. Brody's backchecking efforts did not go unnoticed. He was able to aid in clearing our zone and never gave up.



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Faysal is a fiesty player who always pushes himself to skate fast and get to the puck first in order to help his team score goals.

#### Storm lose 8-3

Although the score favoured Muskoka 8 – 3, the Total Site Services/ Minden Pharmasave Local League Midget LL team always showed great respect and support for each other despite the loss. A big thank you to the players for never giving up. (Submitted)

Eric Mueller carries the puck up ice in Saturday's game against the South Muskoka Bears. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.







Derek Beachli

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#### REP LEAGUE

#### Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County Chiropractic Novice

Dec. 10 - Storm vs. Lindsay Muskies

#### Haliburton Timbermart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom

Dec. 14- Storm 2 vs. South Muskoka 5

#### Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Dollo's Foodland Peewees

Dec. 14 - Storm 0 vs. Huntsville Otters 2

#### The Peppermill Steak & Pasta House McKecks Place Bantams

Dec. 14 - Storm 3 vs. South Muskoka Bears 6 Goals: A. Boylan (2), A. Perrott Assists: K. Brannigan, C. Coles, K. Hall, M. Wilson

#### **LOCAL LEAGUE**

#### <u>Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Navy.</u> Centre Hastings Grizzlies Jamboree: Player of the game: #1-L. Gervais

entre Hastings Grizzlies Jamboree: Player of the game: #1-L. Gerva #2-C. Isles #3-M. Windover

#### Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Grey

Centre Hastings Grizzlies Jamboree: Player of the game: #1-K. Kerkhof #2-J. Hurd #3-G. Pockett

#### Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice

Dec. 14th vs. Huntsville 1: Player of the game: C. Gilbert Dec. 14th vs. Huntsville 2: Player of the game: M. Mueller

#### GJ Burtch Construction-Carquest Minden LL Atom Blue

Campbellford Hockey Tournament:
Game #1 Storm 2 vs. Campbellford 3
Game #2 Storm 2 vs. Ennismore 3
Game #3 Storm 1 vs. Stirling 6
Goals: L. Reid (3), M. Latanville, B. Hamilton
Assists: M. Latanville (3), L. Reid, B. Hamilton, M. Saunders

#### Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow

Dec. 14th-Storm 2 vs. Huntsville Otters 2 Goals: E. Rowe, R. Gordon Assists: T. Mulock, V. Heasman, I.Borgdorff

#### Canadian Tire LL Peewee Blue

Dec. 14th- Storm 2 vs. Huntstville Otters 12 Goals: L. Harrison, W. Bowker Assists: E. Bagshaw, W. Raposo, B. Burtch Dec 15th- Storm Blue 1 vs. Storm Yellow 4 Goals: E. Bagshaw Assists: H. Bird, L. Reid

#### Walkers Heating & Cooling -Walkers Home Hardware LL Peewee Yellow

Dec. 15th- Storm Yellow 4 vs. Storm Blue 1 Goals: O. Sisson, E. Thomas, D. Stephen, A. Lippolis Assists: J. Davis (2), M. Chapman, L. Robinson, A. Davis

#### Total Site Services-Pharmasave LL Midget

Dec. 15th- Storm 3 vs. South Muskoka 8 Goals: S. Hoenow (3)



# Highlander sports

### Support growing for Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame

#### By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's sporting history and stars will be celebrated with the creation of the proposed Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame.

A management committee under the Haliburton County Community Co-Operative presented to Dysart et al council Dec. 16 in regards to their plans to build the hall inside the A.J. LaRue Arena to recognize the sporting achievements of people in the Haliburton Highlands. Council passed a resolution in support and directed staff to work with the group.

Mayor Andrea Roberts spoke positively about the idea.

"We have a huge history of people who have gone on to do amazing things on the national, international stage," Roberts said. "It's a great idea to promote not only the athletes but the people that are behind them."

The committee has developed the concept over a number of years. The hall would include categories for individuals, builders and teams.

The group asked council for general support, an initial display area in the community centre upstairs at A.J. LaRue Arena and permission to work with staff to design the display.

"We've raised a substantial amount of money to carry us over but we need to do more fundraising and we'd also like some support from the community," committee chair Scotty LaRue said.

The committee has already researched the County of Haliburton's sporting history and plans to have its first induction ceremony next October.

"I've been sitting in on the meetings and I've just been amazed at the actual history we have here," Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said.

LaRue said the hall would include people from all of the County of Haliburton. To that end, the group wants to expand its presently all-male, Dysart et al-native board of directors to include more women and people from elsewhere in the county.

"We want this to be county-wide," LaRue said, adding advertisement has not yet yielded any takers.

LaRue also spoke to the possibility of being embedded in a new community centre in Dysart et al whenever one comes.

"We'd like to get a permanent place," LaRue said. "That's where we'd like to have it."

Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame management committee members Roger Dart and Scotty LaRue addressed Dysart et al council Dec. 16. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



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# Highlander community



#### Century 21 donates to food banks

Century 21 owner Andrew Hodgson (centre right) hands Judy MacDuff a \$500 donation for the Haliburton 4C's Food Bank Dec. 5. They also donated \$500 to the Minden food bank. Pictured, left to right: Heather Phillips, Mark Dennys, Anne Hodgson, Judy MacDuff, Adele Barry, Rosemarie Jung, Andrew Hodgson, Drew Bishop, Lee Gauthier. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.* 





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# Highlander arts







#### Shutterbugs are back at it

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has resumed its meetings and competitions. The winners from the "faces" category were: 1st Advanced: "Rocky" by Dave Dennis; 1st Intermediate: "13 going on 30" by Julie Jones and 1st Novice: "Big Squeeze" by Jaan Luubert.

The club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. Whether you are a professional with high end gear or just starting out with a point'n'shoot camera or smartphone, there are opportunities for everyone to learn how to improve their images. See the website at highlandscameraclub.ca for time and location of their next meeting. You can also view all amazing competition images. *Submitted*.



# Highlander arts



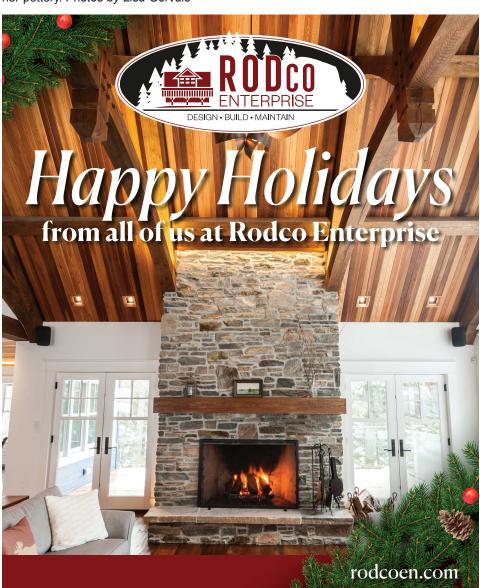


#### That's a wrap

Haliburton School of Art and Design students showed off their term's work at the college this past Saturday. The Dec. 14 exhibition and sale attracted a large crowd. It was hosted by several current students in full-time certificate programs. "Wrap it Up provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents," said organizer Erin Lynch. There was painting and drawing, artist blacksmithing, ceramics and photography. (*Lisa Gervais*)

Left: River Andrews poses with just some of his art. Right: Laura Hardwick with some of her pottery. *Photos by Lisa Gervais* 





# Highlander events









#### **Lions roar for Christmas**

Sunday afternoon saw the second annual Haliburton Lions Club Christmas Party. Families from around the County were invited to come for a fun afternoon of crafts, games, songs, snacks and a special visit from Santa. "We have an amazing group today and we're going to have a great time," said event organizer Gail Stelter. After the last musical note, all of those who came selected a new book to take home. (Hannah Sadlier)

Top left: Ethan Cheong, and his mom Vivian, enjoy working on a puzzle placemat. Top right: Granny Frosty (Gail Stelter) leads the kids' as they learn "My Hat Has Three Corners." Bottom left: Local musician, and Lions Club member Gord Kidd, was dressed in his finest as he spent the afternoon with local families celebrating the season of Christmas. Bottom right: Kids, parents and grandparents came out Sunday afternoon to have fun at the second annual Haliburton Lions Club Christmas Party. Photos by Hannah Sadlier.

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> Jan 9 - Standing Budget Committee Meeting: Jan 30 - Contined COTW & Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit w mindenhills.ca. Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of December and January

#### Notice - 2020 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of te Standing Budget Committee Meeting

The meeting will commence at \$100 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Mine Street, Minden ON.

> Vicki Bull, Clerk 705-288-1280 ext. 215 vbuli@mindenhiib.ca

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Dec 16th to Dec 20th 830 AM - 430 PM Dec 23rd 830 AM - 430 PM CLOSED Dec 24th at 1130 AM to Jan 1st, 2020

#### Community Services Department Administration Office Regular hours resume Jan 2nd

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Minden. Hills Community Centre Fundroising Working Group.

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- have fundraising experience, and/or

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For more information, piecese contact Mark Coloman, Director of Community Services at modernan@ mindenhills.cs. Application Forms are available online at https://mindenhills.cs/advisory-committees-2/.

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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has exciting opportunities available for energetic individuals to join our team!

#### EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN

The Emergency Department is a busy rural community hospital that sees an average of 15,000 visits per year. The successful applicant must be eligible for independent practice licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario with CCFP (EM) certification or CCFP, those with experience are preferred. Those with strong communication skills and experience in rural environments are preferred. Must have ACLS and PALS certifications. Haliburton County offers a return of service incentive of \$25,000 per year for a minimum of 4 years and a maximum of 6 for a total of \$150,000 for physicians moving to the area to practice Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine or both.

#### CLINICAL MANAGER

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) provides hospital, community, and long-term care services to both Haliburton and Minden across two main sites. HHHS is looking for an experienced nurse leader to manage the Emergency and Acute Inpatient Units at both sites.

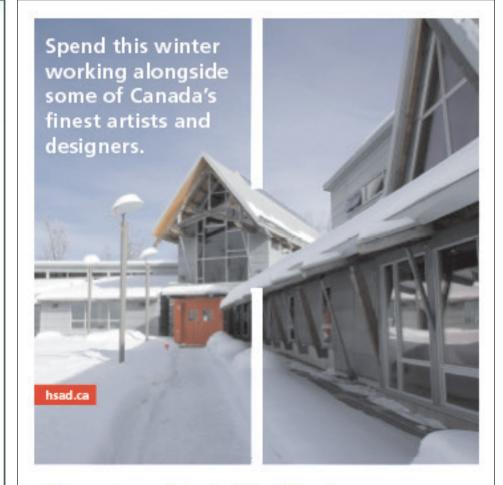
The Clinical Manager is responsible for the clinical leadership, education, quality care evaluation, staffing, and day-to-day management of the Acute Care and Emergency Departments. The Clinical Manager needs to have excellent communication and team skills. Some of the key roles of the Clinical Manager are: overseeing department budgets, mentoring and coaching staff, hiring, performance appraisals, and leading quality and patient safety. Liaises with external partners such as EMS, other hospitals and provider agencies in our sub-region to support the efficient transition of patients through the continuum of care.

The successful candidate will possess a degree in Nursing and a current unencumbered Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Various certificates in Emergency Nursing as listed on our website. In addition, the successful candidate will have a minimum of five (5) years of clinical experience in an Emergency and Acute Care settings, plus a minimum of 2 years of management experience in a unionized environment.

#### REGISTERED NURSES AND REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSES (Acute Care and Emergency Departments)

Candidates are expected to be available for both Minden and Haliburton Hospital locations. In addition, opportunities are available in our two Long Term Care facilities, Hyland Wood and Hyland Crest. The RN is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma/degree in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Recent experience is preferred.

Further details and required qualifications for all of these positions are available on our website at https://www.hhhs.ca



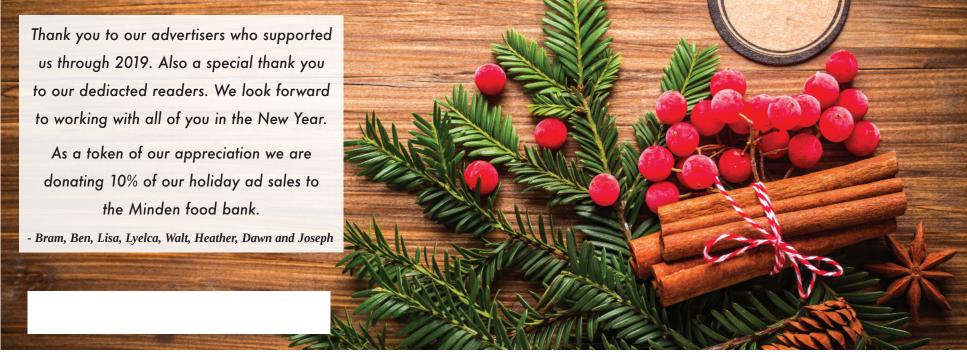
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# Highlander events



#### Jolly Jog is back

Through the ice and snow, families came out Sunday morning for the annual Jolly Jog, put on by the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Dysart recreation. After decking out their sweaters, families started the venture outside. "We love the joyful vibe of this event," said Andrea Mueller, one of the events' organizers. "Everyone comes out sporting festive attire and embraces the spirit of the day." Although some had to take their time in places, due to the ice, everyone had a great morning, which ended with treats and cookie-decorating inside the museum. (Hannah Sadlier)

Top: Even though it was a bit icy, the annual Jolly Jog had a great turn out on Sunday morning. Bottom: Violet Humphries, Eliza Ramsdale and Jim Alder were the winners of the Jolly Jog sweater competition this year (the categories were Inspired by Nature, Most Joyous and Most Retro). *Photos by Hannah Sadlier*.







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# Highlander events



#### Hang a skate on your door this holiday season

Visible Voices held a holiday workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton Country Public Library. Attendees learned how to make a fun door décor alternative to the usual wreath, using skates. (Hannah Sadlier)

Fay Martin, Nanci Stokes and Stella Voisin spent the afternoon creating beautiful door decorations out of skates, as a new creative alternative to the usual door wreath.

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If you are a new curler, we will teach you this fine sport.

Please email us at wilberforcecurling@gmail.com or contact John T. by January 10th at 613-339-9960 to sign up.





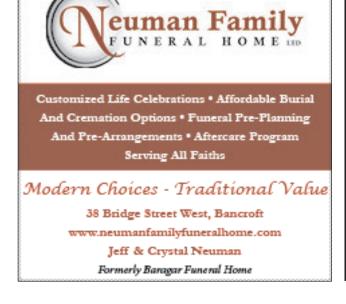
# Living well













Rosie Kadwell address attendees at a Harvest Haliburton roundtable discussion Nov. 30. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

#### Harvest Haliburton pushing food forward

#### By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's policymakers and food sector gathered to discuss a way forward for local food during a Harvest Haliburton roundtable at Abbey Gardens Nov. 30.

More than 20 attendees brought ideas to help the sector, from creating a new committee to addressing barriers to promoting more stories of local producers. The event was a follow-up on priorities identified at Harvest Haliburton's Food and Agriculture Economic Development Forum in March.

Harvest Haliburton member and Dysart et al Coun. Larry Clarke said there is a lot of work to be done to support and grow agriculture in the County.

"It's fairly high-level at this point," Clarke said. "But I think we have the right people in place here to drill down and put together support and a plan to make this a sustainable part of our local economy."

The roundtable set objectives for the next 90 days to start progressing ideas such as forging a new committee and creating a new position to aid in the sector's communication.

"It's pretty aggressive to think there can be a solid change in that period of time, but the big things are trying to identify where our challenges are, what needs to be done," Clarke said.

In a post-forum report Nov. 25, Harvest Haliburton challenged census data showing farms are declining. It highlighted an increase in small-scale growers such as market gardeners and homesteaders and encourages them to identify.

One group discussion went into

how municipal policies and plans are not necessarily accounting for those smaller forms of agriculture. Former Harvest Haliburton chair Rosie Kadwell said although Haliburton County is not known for it, more needs to be done to push what agriculture there is.

"From a planner's perspective, food production won't be top of my radar," Kadwell said. "We need to educate. There are lots of food being produced, there are lots of barriers but we need to present solutions."

Clarke said different kinds of producers face different challenges but there is common ground to address.

"What we're trying to do is identify commonalities where they can support them and identify a language where they can connect and identify best practices to be successful."



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# Highlander classifieds

#### **OBITUARIES**



In Loving Memory of Jessie Beatrice "Betty" Scott

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Monday, December 16, 2019 with her lowing family by her side. At the age of 91.

Betty (Chalmers) was the wife of the late William C. "Bill" Scott, MP for Victoria and Haliburton for 28 years. She is survived by her son Guy (Lori) and daughter Laurie, both of Kinmount, and was grandmother to five grandchildren: Shane, Justin, Alicia (passed), Meg and Rachel. As well, she is remembered fondly by her many nieces and nephews. Betty is predeceased by her parents Jesse and Eliza Chalmers, by her sisters Doris (Garland) Burkwell, Madeline (Clarence) Hartin, by her brother Earl (Doreen) Chalmers and by brothers-in-law Ralph Scott (Horence) and Wayne Scott (Vada). Also fondly remembered by sister-in-law Margaret (late Bill) Mark.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KOM 2 KO. on Friday, December 20, 2019, from 3-5 pm and 7-9 pm. Then to the Kinmount Baptist Church, 4937 Monck Rd., Kinmount, Ontario KOM 2AO on Saturday, December 21, 2019 for a Service to Celebrate Betty's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the church. Spring internment at the Kinmount Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation, Kinmount Baptist Church or the Kinmount Fair would be appreciated by the family.



Betty was born in Kramourt in 1928. In 1956 she and her husband, Bill Scott, took over a general store on the main street in the village. Scott's Store in downtown Kinmount became a combination tourist information, meeting place and local landmark. They sold everything from soup to mets. From her office at the back of the store she ran political campaigns, the Kinmount Fair, meetings of every description, coffee breaks, news conferences, radio interviews, luncheon receptions, family reunions and just about every other event you could think of. Every Friday, a doctor would call in to pick up a list of patients for house calls, and sometimes even treating clients right in the office. She compiled a list of customers for the local heating oil company. Her office was also the second largest distributor of mail in the village.

And when there was no bank in Kinmount, she served as a financial trustee for some residents while cashing cheques for others. She practiced the old time business motto of customer service comes first. Betty was always a community person, often providing services and aid to those in need, frequently at her own expense as well.

She was the rock who held the business and her family together.

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In Loving Memory of Edwin William "Ed" Pilcher

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. In his 82 year

Beloved Husband of Marlene Pilcher (nee Corby) for 59 years. Loving Father of Ted, and Jeanette. Loving Grandfather and mentor to

Christopher (Dee), Alicia, Sam, Ben and Loving Great-Grandfather to Jake and Ethan.

Survived by his sister Edna (Wes) Newell and sister-in-law Lois Goard Predeceased by his siblings Art and Frank. Lifelong friend and Godbrother to Fred Deforest and special uncle to Paul Pilcher. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ed worked for 32 years in the trucking industry for Hewitt and Freightmaster. He could build, fix and make anything, Ed's stories, guidance and support will be missed by all.

In accordance with Eds wishes a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or Heat Bank

would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Puneral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO.





#### In Loving Memory of Lila Pearl Gibson

Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton on Sunday, December 15, 2019 with her loving family by her side. At the age of 97.

Beloved wife of the late Russell Gibson (1984). Loving mother of Glenda and

Ed Burke of Haliburton, Loving grandma of Collin Burke (Dan Manley), Kevin Burke, and Amanda (Darryl) Westaway. Dear sister of Dorothy Wilson and predeceased by Sylvia Dummit, Irene Douglas, Lorna Johnson and Bob Johnson.

Special thanks to Carol Brown and family, Wendy Dugan, Dianne Medonic, Alexis Clement and the support staff from Paramed, Lika Cooper and family, and the support provided by the staff at Highland Wood L.T.C. and the Haliburton Hospital.

A Memorial Service for Lila will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Runeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden KDM 2KD on Friday, December 20, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Haliburton Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses would be appreciated by the family.





#### Carolen (nee Dugan) Clark (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday morning, December 4, 2019 in her 64th year. Beloved daughter of the late Carl & Helen Dugan. Loving mother of Dan (Marjorie) and Chris (Shannon). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Seth, Caleb, Ivy, Quinntin, Carder, Nathan and Ryder. Dear sister of Freda, Gloria and Nancy. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Carolen was a loving spirit and always put the needs of others before hers. She enjoyed road trips with her father Carl and most of all the many times spent with her family and friends.

#### Celebration Of Life & Reception

A Celebration of Carolen's life was held at the ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #129 Haliburton, Ontario 719 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday afternoon, December 18, 2019 from Noon until 2 p.m. A time of sharing took place at 1 o'clock. Interment later Ingoldsby Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the 4C's Food Bank or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. Funeral

arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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#### Larry Bagg (Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Suddenly on Saturday December 14, 2019 in his 58th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Sheila Rowell for over 25 years. Cherished son of Allan and Ellenor Bagg. Loving father of Julie, Cathy and Glenn. Dear brother and best friend of Rick (Rosalind), Nancy (David) and Kirby. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Larry was a licenced mechanic and owned his own excavation and snow plowing company. He was an avid outdoors man who enjoyed fishing, hunting, four wheeling and most of all spending time with his friends and family.

Visitation, Celebration of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to visit with the family at SIR SAM'S SKI HILL 1054 Liswood Road Eagle Lake on Thursday evening, December 19,2019 from 6 - 9 p.m. Then again on Friday moming from 11-1 p.m. A celebration of Larry's life will commence at 1 o'clock. Reception to follow until 4 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or the Eagle Lake Community Church would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME

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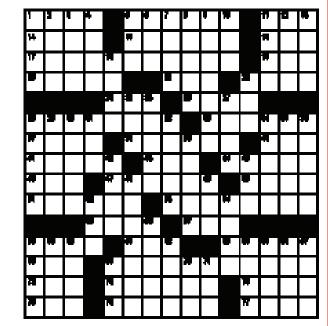
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#### What's Next?

#### Across

- 1 "Got It, dude"
- 5 Doofus
- 11 Go down a slippery slope
- 14 Japanese soup flavourer
- 15 Bulk bin utensils
- 16 \* So not cool?
- 17 \* Large boxing class?
- 19 Words before roll or whim
- 20 \_\_\_ lunch (spacey)
- 21 Sex-talking Johanson
- 22 \* Milk source for feta cheese
- 23 Book It, old-style
- 26 Charles Lamb's alias
- 28 Smooth and snuggle
- 33 Gave out, as a speeding ticket
- 37 Letter-shaped girder
- 38 \* Kind of healing in a Marvin Gaye hit
- 40 Compressed file extension
- 41 Tickety-boo
- 43 Crux of the matter
- 44 Buffalo hockey pro
- 46 "\_\_\_ got it!" ("Aha!")
- 47 \* "Five o'clock" feature
- 50 Carvey of "Wayne's World"
- 51 Waterway named for its colour, at times
- 53 Brunch time, maybe
- 55 "\_\_\_Little Tenderness" (1960s hit)
- 57 Pro shop prop
- 58 \* Fury
- 61 Sis's sib
- 63 "Stompa" singer Serena
- 68 \_\_\_ Dhabi
- 69 \* Surface for standup canoeing
- 72 \* Dark side of a Chinese circle
- 73 "Jingle Bells" vehicle
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- 75 Part of TSX: Abbr.
- 76 Herbal laxatives 77 Enzyme suffixes

#### by Barbara Olson © ClassiCanadian Crosswords



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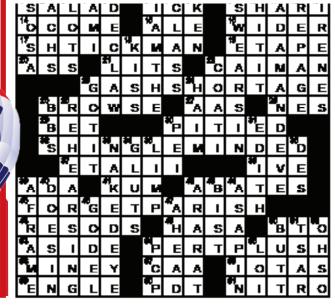
- 1 "To me," to a texter
- 2 Addressee in a French prayer
- 3 "As \_\_\_ alone, by blue Ontario's shore" (Whitman)
- 4 Civil servant's employer: Abbr.
- 5 State of Sydney, Aus.
- 6 Water cooler
- 7 "Avril" or "août"
- 8 Political deviator
- 9 She drowned in "Hamlet"
- 10 "Spring forward" hrs.
- 11 "Bug off!"
- 12 Hawallan coffee coast
- 13 "Let's leave \_\_\_ that"
- 18 National park near Golden, B.C.
- 22 Real hoot
- 24 Pleasure-seeking parts, to Freud
- 25 "The Vampire Diaries" heroine Glibert
- 27 Lands in the water, for short?
- 28 \* Bottom place?
- 29 Too good for
- 30 \* How a nervous speaker might imagine the audience
- 31 Sicilian's sixty minutes
- 32 Convey, as confidence

- 34 \* Citified
- 35 \_\_\_ degree (graduate)
- 36 \* Wistful desire
- 39 Semi-circular clamp
- 42 Belgian river that held off the enemy, 1914
- 45 Fruity punch
- 48 Seat at a barn dance, maybe
- 49 Pint-sized
- 52 \_\_\_-Foy, Québec
- 54 Hop, skip or jump
- 56 Juno-winning Jann
- 58 They're often caught on the beach
- 59 Not much
- 60 Greasy crud
- 62 Anthony Hopkins In "Thor: Ragnarok"
- 64 Word that can follow each answer to the starred clues
- 65 Stand for an emcee
- 66 First name in whodunits
- 67 Food label stats.
- 69 Add-ons in a letter
- 70 Big Apple airport abbr.
- 71 Words in Canadian jokes, often



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# What's on

#### **DECEMBER/ JANUARY • EVENT LISTINGS**

Balanced Fitness Classes for Seniors - free of charge. Programs running Tuesdays and Fridays in Haliburton, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Minden, and Mondays and Fridays in Wilberforce. Call 705-457-2941 or 1-855-285-2944 x2938 for details. infocc@hhhs.ca. No classes running December 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 or January 2nd.

Devotional Gatherings, to be held Mondays/Tuesdays, afternoon and evening sessions. Come join us for prayers, meditations and readings; all spiritual traditions are honoured and welcome. An open space for reflection, prayer and sharing for well-being of individuals and the state of the world. \*Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the face of the earth..." Call Kathie/ George at 705-286-3378 or Pat at 416-606-9657.

#### Thursday December 19

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch Is On Us - at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St., Haliburton. Free of charge, eat in or take out. Bring your friends, or make some new ones. For more info see sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus

Noon - 2 p.m. - Adult Only Public Skating at AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton \$2/person

#### Friday December 20

1 - 3 p.m. - Minden Community Christmas basket pickup day at SG Nesbitt Community Centre. – 1 – 2 p.m,: Families with children, 2 - 3 p.m.: 11:15 a.m. - Contemporary Service at adults pickup time.

7 - 9:30 p.m. - Pickleball, at the Haliburton High School gym. Cost is \$2, racquets are available. Contact

xplomet.ca for further info.

#### Sunday December 22

12:30 – 2 p.m. – Free Public Skating at Wilberforce Arena.

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Free Public Skating at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by Tim Horton's

#### Monday December 23

3 – 4:30 p.m.. – Free Public Skating at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by NFTC

#### Tuesday December 24

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Free Public Skating at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by Tim Horton's

7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Joint Pastoral Charge evening service, Communion and special guest music artists, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., at Pine St. Haliburton.

#### Wednesday December 25

Noon - 2 p.m. - Christmas Day Dinner at McKeck's Tap & Grill – No Charge! Come for a hot meal, warm hospitality, and the company of others. RSVP appreciated to 705-457-3443

#### Friday December 27

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Free Public Skating at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by Century 21 Granite Realty

#### Sunday December 29

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Free Public Skating at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by Tim Horton's

Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton.

#### Monday December 30

3 – 4:30 p.m.. – Free Public Skating at

Jennifer at 705 749 3787 or Jbcoates@ AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by Tim Hortons.

#### Tuesday December 31

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. - Free Public Skating at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, sponsored by NFTC

#### Saturday January 4

2 - 5 p.m. - Gord Kidd, at the Minden Legion, playing some of your favourite songs. Light lunch available noon – 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m. No cover. charge.

#### Thursday January 9

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch Is On Us - at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St., Haliburton. Free of charge, eat in or take out. Bring your friends, or make some new ones. For more info see sirch on ca/lunchisonus.

#### Saturday January 11

6 p.m. - Wilberforce Agricultural Society annual pot luck supper, followed by the annual meeting at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. Supper starts at 6 p.m. Meeting to follow at approx 7 p.m. Find out how you can join the fun of bringing the annual fair to Wilberforce! For more info: 704-448-3981.

#### Sunday January 12

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Sunday Breakfast at the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy a great breakfast for only \$6. Eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, juice, tea or coffee.

#### Thursday January 16

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch Is On Us – at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St., Haliburton. Free of charge, eat in or take out. Bring your friends, or make some new ones. For more info see sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus

#### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

#### HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m. Tuesday: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm Wednesday: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - \$500 Jackpot \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month Thursday: General Meeting - Third Thursday of the month starting at 7 pm. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary - Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm Friday: Cribbage 1 pm start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC. Darts Friday fun darts – 4:30 pm onwards Saturday: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rd129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

#### MINDEN BRANCH

Monday- every second week rug hooking; Tuesday seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Calorie Counter 5:30 6:30. Thursday - mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday - 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday - meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday - sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.- Fri with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

#### KINMOUNT BRANCH

Wednesday - Darts 7 p.m. Friday - Bingo - Starts at 6:56 p.m. Saturday - Meat Draw 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 - craft and bake sale from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. upstairs.

#### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Dec 20 Spaghetti dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

Dec 21 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP

Dec 23/30/Jan. 6 Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Dec 24 Christmas Eve open 2 - 6 p.m.

Dec 27 C. C. lunch. To book, call Denice Butler 705-448-8865. Everyone 55+ welcome. Wing night 6 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Dec 28/Jan. 4 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP

Dec 31 New years dance. Tickets on sale now \$20. Featuring D.J. Isla. Buffet, spot dances, party

Jan 1 President Levee 1 - 5p.m.

Jan 3 Fish & Chips 6-9 p.m.

Jan 7 Executive meeting 7 p.m.

Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Jan 8

Jan 9 HHHC social rec. drop in. Come out for coffee/tea or juice, cards, board games, crafts. Tec. time, pool or just to chat FREE 10a.m. - 2 p.m.

# What's on

# On the trail of an 80-year-old cold case

#### Filmmakers coming to Minden

By Lisa Gervais

In 1934, Harold Heaven disappeared from his cabin on Horseshoe Lake Road, never to be seen again. His body was never found.

Now, 85 years later, Harold's great-greatnephew Mike (Heaven) Mildon and his best friend Jackson Rowe are hoping to solve the case.

The two documentarians came to Minden Hills council Dec. 12 seeking permission to film in the town, including on townshipowned property, as early as Jan. 5, 2020.

Rowe and Mildon are the hosts of 'For Heaven's Sake' which will air on the CBC. They said they'll explore family legends, campfire tales, newspaper articles about Harold's disappearance, and look at theories in the official police reports.

"Harold's case has been left unsolved for more than 80 years, and the Heaven family, especially Mike, want to solve the mystery," Rowe said.

However, before they start showing up with cameras on the streets, they wanted to introduce themselves to the public and let locals know about their crew coming to town.

At the council meeting, they outlined the story of Harold's disappearance in hopes of jogging the memories of anyone who might know something interesting. They also wanted council members to share any ideas or theories they have that might help with their investigation.

"They conducted an initial search, they dragged Horseshoe Lake. They spoke with people of interest, neighbours, acquaintances, but despite their best efforts they couldn't do anything to move the investigation forward," Rowe said.

They said that during filming, they expect to uncover a lot about the history

of the town and its people in the 1930s, which is why they think many residents would be interested in speaking with them. In addition to members of the Heaven family, they hope to interview neighbours, historians, and other Mindenites.

They said Harold Heaven's family still has a strong presence in Minden. Several relatives have cottages, or live full-time, on Horseshoe Lake. Mildon added that Minden has been a huge part of his life. He spent years working at Foodland, Boatwerks, and many more local shops. He's been a big part of the local kayaking community.

The crew hopes to film in the township in January and February, since it was in the winter when Harold went missing. They may also return in the spring.

"Minden is an integral part of the story, and because this is a documentary, the story will change the more people we talk to," the two said.

They anticipate filming main street, the Gull River, Riverwalk trail, the Cultural Centre, Horseshoe Lake Road as well as surrounding lakes, and other areas as needed.

With permission, they also hope to film private establishments such as the Dominion Hotel, the Legion, and other historic properties.

"We'd like to take our small film crew to places like Tuesday night bingo, the genealogy club, Open Mic Night at the Dominion Hotel, watching as the story unfolds," they said.

They said it might seem strange to relaunch the investigation now, more than 80 years after the fact, but with "new technologies and means of communication, we think that there is more information to be had."



Jackson Rowe and Mike Mildon speak to Minden Hills council Dec. 12. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* 

They added, "if you lost a family member, would you stop looking? Exhausting every last effort, leaving no stone unturned to try to find closure for this family tragedy and lifelong mystery. It's exactly what we plan to do."

Rowe said, "Since it's such an old case it may seem strange to say but time is very much of the essence ... we want to act

now before the last remaining first-hand accounts of what happened will fade away and Harold's truth is lost forever."

Mildon added, "Every family has a skeleton in their closet. Mine has been there for almost 100 years. This project has been a chance to solve a mystery - the camp fire story brought to life."









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- IRONDALE RIVER \$79,000 3.22AC
- CONTAU LAKE ROAD \$49,000 3.91AC
- OLD DONALD ROAD \$44,900 3.49AC
- WENONA LAKE \$40,000 0.42AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000 0.38AC

#### Seasons Greetings From

### The Haliburton Real Estate Team

We wish you the very best as 2019 comes to an end & look forward to good health & properity in the New Year!

Linda, Karen, Kim & Alyssa

